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REMARKS

The Final Office Action mailed June 16, 2004, has been carefully considered. The amendments and remarks presented herein are believed to be fully responsive to the Office Action. The amendments made herein are fully supported by the Application as originally filed. No new matter has been added. Accordingly, reconsideration of the present Application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claim Status

Claims 1-18 are pending in this Application. By this Amendment, Applicant has amended claims 1, 12, 15 and 16 and have added new claim 19.

Claim Objections

Claims 15 and 16 stand objected to as claim 15, in line 2 the word "coatings" should be "coating;" while in claim 16, line 1, the word "varnishes" should be "varnish." Such corrections have been made, thereby overcoming the objection.

Claim Rejections Under 35 USC § 112, Second Paragraph

Claims 1-18 stand rejected under 35 USC § 112, second paragraph as being indefinite.

The Office states that in claim 1, line 3 the use of parentheses renders the claim language indefinite and that it is not clear whether applicant intends to recite "very low water content" or to recite "a water content below 1%". Claim 1 has been amended, removing the phrase "(below 1%)". Such phrase has been made the subject of new dependent claim 19.

The Office finds states that in claim 12, line 7 the phrase "until the water and volatile solvents are eliminated" should be changed to read "so that the quantity of residual water is below 1%" to be in agreement with the disclosure in the examples. Claim 12 has been amended to correspond to the Office's suggestion which is appreciated.

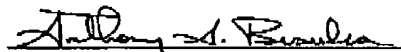
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In view of the forgoing, it is respectfully contended that the 35 USC § 112, second paragraph, rejection has been overcome.

As the total number of claims does not exceed the number of claims originally paid for, no fee is believed due. However if an additional fee is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 03-2060.

In view of the forgoing amendments and remarks, the present application is believed to be in condition for allowance, and reconsideration of it is requested. If the Examiner disagrees, she is requested to contact the attorney for Applicant at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,



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